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SUBJECT: Joint Test and Evaluation (JT&E) Program

References: (a) Section 133 of title 10, United States Code  
(b) [DoD Directive 5000.1](#), "Defense Acquisition," March 15, 1996  
(c) [DoD 5000.2-R](#), "Mandatory Procedures for Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs) and Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Acquisition Programs," March 1996

## 1. PURPOSE

This Directive establishes the policies and assigns responsibilities for the DoD JT&E Program, under reference (a).

## 2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Directive:

2.1. Applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").

2.2. Provides mandatory policies and procedures for the management of the DoD JT&E Program, except when statutory requirements take precedence.

### 3. DEFINITION

3.1. Joint Test and Evaluation (JT&E) Program. That program provides quantitative information used for analyses of joint military capabilities and potential options for increasing effectiveness. The program is complimentary to, rather than a part of, the acquisition process under references (b) and (c). AJT&E brings two or more Military Departments or other DoD Components together to:

3.1.1. Assess the interoperability of Service systems in joint operations and explore potential solutions to identified problems;

3.1.2. Evaluate and provide recommendations to the Military Departments and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on improvements in joint technical and operational concepts;

3.1.3. Evaluate and validate testing methodologies having multi-Service application;

3.1.4. Assess technical or operational performance of interrelated and/or interacting systems under realistic joint operational conditions; and/or,

3.1.5. Provide data from joint field tests and exercises with which to validate models, simulations, and test beds.

### 4. POLICY

It is DoD policy under 10 U.S.C. 133 (reference (a)) that the JT&E Program is executed by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology. The DoD Components shall, as applicable, nominate JT&Es. Those nominations meeting the definition of a JT&E and approved by a senior advisory council shall proceed, in so far as priority and funding allow, to a feasibility study that shall assess the need and feasibility of resolving the issues and/or problems through conduct of a JT&E. If the study determines that a joint test is both necessary and feasible, the JT&E shall be promulgated after technical review, review by a senior advisory committee, and consideration of priority and available funding. In cases where a nomination is well articulated and appropriately structured, the Director, Test, Systems Engineering and Evaluation (DTSE&E) may authorize an abbreviated feasibility study.

## 5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology is assigned responsibility in accordance with reference (a), shall have overall responsibility for the JT&E Program, and shall ensure that:

5.1.1. The DTSE&E shall manage the JT&E Program. The DTSE&E shall convene, as necessary, a Senior Advisory Council (SAC) and a Technical Advisory Board (TAB), both of which shall comprise only full-time officers and employees of the Federal Government, to assist in the nomination, selection, and approval process. The DTSE&E shall chair the SAC; provide the Chair for the TAB; and plan, program, budget, and fund for costs unique to the JT&E Program and for those costs incurred only as a result of conducting a joint test.

5.1.2. The Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, shall co-chair the SAC and provide a representative to the TAB.

5.2. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall:

5.2.1. Provide representatives to the SAC and the TAB.

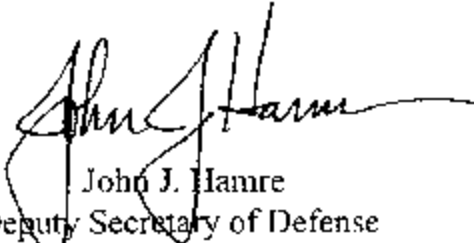
5.2.2. In coordination with the Commanders in Chief, advise, through representatives, the DTSE&E on JT&E nominations related to joint doctrine or mission; assess the potential impact of nominated tests; assist in coordination of the JT&E Program with joint exercises; and assist in applying joint test results.

5.3. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall provide representatives to the SAC and the TAB. They shall also plan, program, and provide necessary personnel, resources, and funds not provided by the DTSE&E to support the JT&E program. This includes personnel, facilities, and other resources not uniquely required for the joint feasibility studies and joint tests. Among the items funded by the Military Departments are a headquarters site and pay for civilian personnel, travel (for other than JT&E staff members), transportation, utilities and rents, Service-owned equipment maintenance, supplies, printing and reproduction, and communications.

5.4. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence shall provide representatives to the SAC and the TAB.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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